

Appl. No. 10/519,480
Amendment dated October 30, 2008
Reply to Office Action of October 2, 2008

REMARKS

The election/restriction requirement dated October 2, 2008 holds that this application contains five patentably distinct inventions. More specifically, Applicant is required to elect one of the following patentably distinct groups for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Group I - claims 1-4;
- Group II - claims 5-11;
- Group III - claims 12 and 13;
- Group IV - claims 14 and 15; and
- Group V - ; claims 16 and 17.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the Group I without traverse. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests examination of claims 1-4. Claims 5-17 are believed to be directed to a non-elected embodiment. Thus, these claims 5-17 can be withdrawn from consideration in this case.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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